

You Are Invited... to the

STM Teen Retreat

March 16-18, 2018

University of Scranton Chapman Lake Retreat Center

You've got a lot going on in high school. You're busy, you're dealing with a lot of stuff, and you're thinking about the future. About college. About the rest of your life. We understand.

You are not alone. God is here for you, and He wants to help you overcome all the high school stuff. He wants to guide you into your future – to the life He wants for you, to help you become the person you were meant to be.

At the STM Teen Retreat, you'll grow your relationship with God and open yourself up to His Love and His Grace. You'll make amazing friendships, have a good time, and increase your faith – for the rest of your life!

This retreat is NOT what you think – it's not adults talking to you (again). At the Teen Retreat, you'll hear from other high school students who went on retreat in the past and are now "paying it forward" to you. They will give you real, honest insight into their lives – the struggles they're facing and how their faith is helping them in amazing ways.

If you're struggling right now, you'll find an incredible new source of strength to help you move forward. And if life is good, you'll learn how to make it even better – to dig deeper in your faith to help others and make a real difference in the world.

ALL IN GRADES 9-12 ARE WELCOME!
Even if you've never done anything with Youth Ministry before.
No matter where you attend high school.

Details:

This year's retreat will be held at the University of Scranton, Chapman Lake Retreat House. Students will travel by bus, which will leave from the STM Gym parking lot by 6:00 p.m. Fri, Mar 16th, and will return on Sun, Mar 18th, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Jon and Martina Peace, Youth Ministry Directors, as well as Fr. Dan Kravatz, and other adults will chaperone the retreat. In an emergency, you may contact the St. Thomas More Rectory at 610-433-7413.

Forms and Payment:

Permission slips (enclosed), with payment, should be returned to the Rectory ("**Attention: Jon Peace Teen Retreat**") as soon as possible, preferably by **February 26, 2018**. You may drop them off at the Rectory, or mail them, but the final day is **March 12, 2018** or when the retreat is full, whichever comes first. The cost of the retreat is \$95.00 per teen. Please make all checks payable to "St. Thomas More Church". (Please do not let cost be the reason you do not attend. Contact Msgr. Murphy if cost is an issue.)

DETAILS ABOUT THE STM TEEN RETREAT

Where: **University of Scranton Chapman Lake Retreat Center**
This is a beautiful retreat facility north of the University of Scranton's campus.
Accommodations are 2-3 per room, with private bathrooms.

When: **Friday, March 16th to Sunday, March 18th**
Bus leaves STM gym parking lot at 6pm on Friday
(Please arrive by 5:45pm)

Bus will return to STM gym parking lot at approximately 1:30pm Sunday

Contact: **Jon Peace – jon@stmchurchallentown.org**

Please Bring:

- Casual, comfortable clothing (nothing revealing)
- A pair of sturdy shoes for walking outside
- A coat for when/if we do outside activities
- Personal care items: soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, eye care products, etc.
- **A snack food item to share** (a baked good, veggies, chips, pretzels, fruit, etc)
- Any required medications (be sure they are noted on your permission forms)

Please Do Not Bring:

- Bed linens, pillow, and towels (all are provided by the retreat center)
- Food or beverage for your room
- Cigarettes, alcohol, weapons, or drugs
- Radios, iPods, cd players, electronic games, etc.

We know teens will bring their cell phones, however we will ask them to turn their phones off and put them away during our retreat activities. (They will be given limited free time when they can connect with parents via their phones.)

Questions? Contact Jon Peace at jon@stmchurchallentown.org.